

City Line

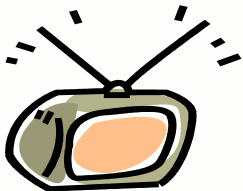


CITIZEN NEWSLETTER

INSIDE

Tree Tips
Water Discount
Small Business Assistance
Recycling in Town
Newsletter CONTEST
Trash Bash Report
Summer Events
Events at the Armory
Recreation Happenings

**Outdoor Warning
Sirens are tested
the first Wednes-
day of every
month
at 11 a.m.**



View Cable Channel 8
KBRI
Brighton's Public,
Education and
Government Channel

Visit our Web Site
www.brightonco.gov

July - August 2010

Ward BBQs

It's time for the City of Brighton summer Ward BBQ's!! Council Members from each of the City's Wards will be present to visit with constituents one-on-one. This gives residents the opportunity to get up-to-date information on what projects are taking place in that Ward and around the city.

All BBQ's start at 6 p.m.



Ward 1 - Council Members Chris Maslanik & Terry Moore
Thursday, July 15, Donelson Park, 4500 Midland St.

Ward 2 - Council Members Cynthia Martinez & Rex Bell
Thursday, July 22, Montoya Park, 221 N. 9th Ave.

Ward 3 - Council Members Wayne Scott & Rob Farina
Thursday, July 29, Colorado Park, 265 Miller St.

Ward 4 - Council Members Daryl Meyers & Wilma Rose
Thursday, Aug. 5, Dewey Strong Park, 468 Longspur Drive

4th of July Celebration

Sunday, July 4, 2010

6 p.m. - DJ TIDALWAVE

7 p.m. - 9 p.m. - BLACK WATER

FIREWORKS TO FOLLOW CONCERT

8th Ave & Southern St.

Invite your family & friends!

Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, footballs and frisbees!

Enjoy the music, food and entertainment!

THIS IS A FREE EVENT!!!!

START TIME FOR FIREWORKS MAY BE WEATHER (WIND & RAIN) DEPENDENT.



For more information please visit www.brightonco.gov or KBRI Channel 8
EVENT HOTLINE - 720-685-7339 CONCERT INFO - 303-655-2176



CITY COUNCIL
VOICE MAIL

Dick McLean	303-655-2266
Wayne Scott	303-655-2267
Terry Moore	303-655-2261
Chris Maslanik	303-655-2265
Cynthia Martinez	303-655-2264
Rex Bell	303-655-2268
Rob Farina	303-655-2263
Wilma Rose	303-655-2269
Daryl Meyers	303-655-2260

Meeting Information

The City Council meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 3rd floor.

City Council Study Sessions are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Heritage Room at City Hall, 3rd floor.

City Hall, 22 S. 4th Ave.

All Regular Brighton City Council meetings and Study Sessions are open to the public. Residents and other interested parties are welcome and are encouraged to attend.

If you are interested in attending any of these meetings and require special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations, please notify the City Manager's Office at 303-655-2043.

Summertime in Brighton!

Well, summer is finally in full swing and everyone is outside enjoying the warm weather. We invite you to take advantage of the wonderful parks, trails and open space the city has to offer. Brighton has more than 20 parks, over 690 acres of open space and over 25 miles of trails. Get out and enjoy the skate park, dog park, disc golf course or community gardens. Have a picnic, grill-out, go for a bike ride, use the playgrounds or the athletic fields. There are so many outdoor activities to enjoy this summer in our beautiful community.

Just around the corner is the 4th of July celebration at Friendship Park. There will be plenty of food, kids activities, live entertainment and of course the spectacular fireworks show. This is a wonderful community event. Bring blankets and lawn chairs, and get to know your neighbors.

The Adams County Fair Parade is held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 31 along Bridge Street. This is a time-honored tradition and kicks-off the fair which will be held Aug. 4-8.

We hope you'll also come out and enjoy a summer BBQ with the Council representatives from your Ward. This gives us an opportunity to hear directly from you and a great way for you to learn more about what is happening in your area and throughout the city. (*see the schedule on page 1*).

The Market Fair on August 14 is an opportunity to enjoy fresh, local produce and the Eco-Fair on September 25 is a great way to learn about energy conservation and environmental resources.

Get out, enjoy and be proud of this wonderful community you live in.....we are!

City Council Members



Terry Moore
Ward 1



Chris Maslanik
Ward 1



Dick McLean
Mayor



Rex Bell
Ward 2



Cynthia Martinez
Ward 2



Rob Farina
Ward 3



Wayne Scott
Mayor Pro Tem
Ward 3



Wilma Rose
Ward 4



Daryl Meyers
Ward 4

Life in the “fast-lane” has it’s consequences...



Japanese Pagoda Tree

One of the most common questions people ask me is, “What tree can we plant that grows fast?” To their surprise, I tell them I usually don’t recommend fast growing species. This is why...

When a tree grows rapidly, it usually is prone to branch failure. Whenever there is a bad storm with heavy snow or wind, there is usually a good amount of tree debris on the ground. Most of these broken branches are from fast growing trees such as Maples, Cottonwoods, Willows (Austrees are considered Willows), and Siberian Elms. All four of these species grow to be

large trees and can cause severe damage to property when limbs fail. Maples and Cottonwoods are also notorious for growing large roots close to the surface. Many lawns, driveways and sidewalks are, therefore, “eaten” up by these large roots.

It is usually better to plant a tree that has a moderate growth rate. Interestingly, some oak species have a fairly fast growth rate. A 16 year tree growth-rate study was conducted with multiple tree species in Westminster, Colorado by State Forester Keith Wood (Westminster’s former City Forester). Wood concluded that White Oak species (Swamp-White Oak, Bur Oak, and English Oak) were the fourth fastest growing species behind Cottonwoods, Silver Maples, and Catalpas. Oaks have strong branching habits and are seldom broken in severe weather. These oaks generally have low water requirements and do well in our alkaline soil (Swamp-Whites can be a little pH sensitive.)

Other recommended trees that grow moderately fast and are less prone to branch failure are...

Lindens - Littleleaf Lindens, Sterling Silver Lindens, and American Lindens are good shade trees with little insect problems. Fragrant flowers in the summer.

Honeylocust - ‘Imperial’ ‘Skyline’ and ‘Shademaster’ are all good varieties. Drought tolerant.

Elms - Look for varieties such as ‘Frontier,’ ‘Triumph,’ ‘Patriot,’ ‘Valley Forge,’ and ‘Accolade.’ Most of these are species that are resistant to insect problems such as Dutch Elm Disease, Elm Leaf Beetle, and Elm Leaf Miner. One of my favorite shade trees! Elms can get quite large but have great form and beauty when taken care of properly.

State Street Maple - (*Acer miyabei*) May be hard to find but excellent drought tolerance and the foliage is virtually pest free.

Pacific Sunset Maple - (*Acer truncatum x platanoides*) Good fall color, more tolerant of our soil, less branch breakage as it grows slower than Silver and ‘Autumn Blaze’ maples. A smaller tree, however, up to 30 feet in height.

Japanese Pagoda Tree - (*Sophora japonica*) Smaller tree, attractive flowers in summer, bright green branches. Should be used more often in Colorado.

For more information on recommended trees, go to www.brightonco.gov, click on “Departments” and then “Parks and Recreation” and look for the “Forestry” link. In the next newsletter, we will discuss the pros and cons of common tree species found in Brighton.

Kyle Sylvester, City Forester
Certified Arborist
303-655-2089

Use the City’s
One-Stop Shop
for Walk-In
Water Payment

Extended Hours
7:30 am—5:30 pm
Or
Pay Online
www.brightonco.gov

Click on “Online
Water Payment” at
the bottom of the
page

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY
911

POLICE ADMIN.
303-655-2300

COMMUNITY
RESOURCES
303-655-2365

ANIMAL CONTROL
303-655-2091

VICTIM SERVICES
303-655-2308

ADMAS COUNTY
SOCIAL SERVICES
303-412-8121

COMMUNITY REACH
CENTER
(COUNSELING SERVICES)
303-853-3600

PLATTE VALLEY
MEDICAL CENTER
303-498-1600

Senior Water Discount

If you are age 60 or over, or permanently disabled, you are eligible for a discount on your water bill. This discount only applies to your primary residence. For information, please call 303-655-2009 or 303-655-2040 to apply.



Descuento en la Cuenta del Agua para Residentes Mayores de Edad

Si usted tiene/o es mayor de 60 años, o es una persona discapacitada en forma permanente, puede calificar para obtener un descuento en su cuenta de agua potable. El descuento aplica solamente a su casa principal. Para aplicar por favor llame al 303-655-2009; o al 303-655-2040.

Small Business Assistance

Brighton Small Business Assistance Center (BSBAC), 1850 E. Egbert St., was created specifically to assist you, the small business owner, as a resource center for small businesses in Brighton and the surrounding area.

The BSBAC offers mentoring, training, and educational opportunities, and is a sub-center of the North Metro Small Business Development Center/Front Range Community College, which offers additional training and counseling services to business owners.

More info: www.brightonedc.org (go to Business Resources and click on Brighton Small Business Assistance Center), 303-655-2150 or tsanchez@brightonedc.org.

Youth Commission Helps Community Recycle

The city of Brighton Youth Commission has brought recycling to the city in a big way. They have replaced the eight-yard recycling bin with a 20-yard recycling bin, located at the City Hall Annex, 1901 E. Bridge. Due to the popularity of this free recycling service, it was necessary to get a larger bin to accommodate the community's needs.



Residents can drop-off recyclable items anytime including paper, cardboard, plastic, aluminum and glass.

The Youth Commission has obtained the services of Gator Rubbish to empty the bin as needed. Residents or businesses that are interested in supporting the cost of this service by making a donation or sponsoring the bin, should contact the Youth Resource Department at 303-655-2123. For more information on recycling, visit www.brightonco.gov and click on "Community" and then "Recycling."

Save a Trip! Contact your trash hauler for curbside pick-up at your home for a nominal fee.



CONTEST!!! NAME THIS NEWSLETTER

We are in the process of updating the citizen newsletter and would like to give it a new look and a new name. If you have a name idea, please email it to JCarroll@brightonco.gov or call 303-655-2061 **by July 16 and include your name and contact information.** The winner will be announced in the Sept/Oct. edition, receive a gift card to a local restaurant or store, and see their winning name first debut on the November/December issue. Enter today!

2010 Trash Bash Drop-off Program Concluded



On May 8, the City of Brighton Street Department concluded its two-weekend New Drop-off Trash Bash Program.

Under the New Drop-off Program, residents eliminated large household items such as sofas, cabinets, stoves, washers, dryers, old mattresses and other large unwanted items, by transporting them to the designated drop-off site at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for disposal.

Brighton Street and Administrative personnel were on hand to coordinate the drop-off site and assist residents with unloading and sorting large items. There was a total of 36 large roll-off dumpsters filled with unwanted items from throughout the community. These items were either transported for recycling or to an area land fill for disposal.

Hundreds of residents took advantage of the opportunity to spring clean their garage, storage areas and basements, and to eliminate clutter from their homes. Curbside assistance was also provided for the elderly and special needs residents who called in for assistance. Thank you to Brighton residents who participated in the Trash Bash Drop-Off Program!

Summer Events in the City

4th of JULY CELEBRATION - Sunday, July 4

Friendship Park – 8th Avenue and Southern Street

6 p.m.- DJ TIDALWAVE

7-9 p.m. - Black Water, A Rocking Tribute to the Doobie Brothers

FIREWORKS TO FOLLOW CONCERT: **MAY BE WEATHER (WIND & RAIN) DEPENDENT**

Bring the family out for an evening of entertainment and a spectacular fireworks display. There will be plenty of kid's activities, food, music and fun. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs. This event is FREE to the public.



MARKET DAY 2010 - Saturday, Aug. 14

The Brighton Cultural Center – 4th Avenue and Strong Street

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Come out and meet your local growers and take home some of the area's best produce. The day-long event will feature live entertainment, FREE kids activities, great food, art, crafts and education. This is a great opportunity to learn more about where our food comes from and the process our local growers use to get produce from the field to the table.

ECO-FAIR - Saturday, Sept. 25

The Brighton Cultural Center – 4th Avenue and Strong Street

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Eco-Fair is an event intended to bring Brighton and Adams County residents together to learn about the state of the environment, energy conservation, alternative energy and environmental resources that are available now. The one-day fair will feature ecological information, film/video, art, music, food, and speakers. The event is FREE to the public.

Report Potholes

www.brightonco.gov
and click on
"Action Center"
or
call 303-655-2087

Graffiti Hotline
303-655-2097

**Water & Sewer
Emergency**
303-655-2070

Give us a Call

City Hall	655-2000
Recreation Ctr.	655-2200
Senior Ctr.	655-2075
Police Dept.	655-2300
Animal Control	655-2091
Economic Dev.	655-2155
Water Billing	655-2009
Public Works	655-2034
Parks & Rec.	655-2049
Planning	655-2059
Bldg. Permits	655-2016
Municipal Court	655-2064
Water & Sewer	655-2082
Water & Sewer Emergency	655-2070
Hall of Justice	659-1161
Ad. Co. Adm.	659-2120
Brighton Chamber	659-0223
Adams Co. Sheriff	654-1850
Adams Co. Library	659-2572
School Admin.	655-2900

Barr Lake Shoreline Clean-up Event

Saturday, July 17
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
RSVP: 303-659-6005

Bring your family,
friends, and/or
coworkers.

Morning clean-up and
afternoon fun activities.

Free Park Admission &
BBQ for volunteers.

It's been six months since the Armory at Brighton Cultural Center has opened its doors in October 2009. Since that time, the Armory has welcomed over 8,000 people through the doors, for events and performances ranging from business meetings to full-scale theatrical productions, concerts and movies. Have YOU visited the Armory yet? Here's a sampling of what you may find! THE ARMORY HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY TO ENJOY!



Art at the Armory is the ongoing visual art display in the Armory Theatre. Folks are invited to stop by any weekday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and enjoy - the doors are always open! Fine art from local, regional, and even national artists is rotated every six weeks, with a "Meet and Greet" Artists Reception so that folks can meet the artists and get a personal perspective of the art on display!

Cultural Center Summer Series: every week this summer, RAIN OR SHINE, enjoy great entertainment which reflects Brighton's community spirit! The Armory and Anythink Library, working together as the Brighton Cultural Center, are thrilled to present this series of weekly, free public events! Monday afternoons from 2-4 p.m., enjoy a free concert on our outdoor stage; Tuesday nights from 7-9 p.m., the Armory Theatre and Anythink Library will host free, "classic" all-ages movies; and Wednesdays, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., don't miss the Variety Show on the Armory's outdoor stage!

Great Theatre for all Ages: In May and June, the Armory hosted scheming villains, crusty sailors, a damsel in distress, and a cast of other "characters" in the classic melodrama, "Dark Deeds at Swans Place" (or, "Never Trust a Tattooed Sailor"). Scheduled performances this summer include three productions especially for children: Summer Tweets, Brighton on Broadway, and a Children's Theatre Workshop conducted by Platte Valley Players. What a great opportunity to introduce your kids to live theatre! And in October, Platte Valley Players will present a terrific musical, "Swingtime Canteen."

Music: from bagpipes to steel drums, from Country to Opera, the Armory has something for everybody's taste, and the acoustics in the building are terrific for all kinds of music!

Visit the website at www.brightonarmory.org for up-to-date schedules of performances, or call the Armory hotline at 303-655-2026. The Armory looks forward to welcoming YOU and your family, your neighbors, and friends to Brighton's own and the North Metro region's most unique and beautiful cultural venue!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE ARMORY!!

July 16 - "Stage Tweets for Kids" (Children's Theatre)	Oct. 24 - After Midnight Swing Band Concert
July 30-31- "Brighton on Broadway" (Children's Theatre)	Nov. 5-14 - "Swingtime Canteen" Musical
Aug. 14 - Market Day	Dec. 31 - Legacy Foundation New Year's Eve Gala
Sept. 25- Eco-Fair	

ARMORY FIRST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OCTOBER 23-24, 2010

Planning is currently underway for this special day! You can help us celebrate and share in the history and continued success of the Armory by contributing to two very special projects commemorating the years 1946-1973 when the Armory, as the American Legion Hall, was the center of the Brighton community!

Photographs and Memories! We are currently looking for pictures of YOUR events, celebrations, and special occasions in the Armory! A slideshow will be shared at the October 23rd birthday celebration on the "big screen" in the Armory Theatre.

How to share your photo memories with us:

Photos should be accompanied by a document with the names of the people in the photo, the occasion, and the date. Submit your photos, with details, by e-mail or visit us at the Armory! (We will scan and return to you while you wait!)

We Need Your Stories! Do you have a special memory of the Armory? We will be producing a short documentary, spotlighting the people, places and things that make the Armory so special to the Brighton community! Written story suggestions will be accepted through Aug. 15 and filming will begin in September.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, OR TO SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS/IDEAS:

E-MAIL: info@brightonarmory.org

OR CALL 303-655-2126

Recreation Events and Happenings

FITNESS:

July

Lunar Vinyasa Flow begins at 6pm on July 26 – a great way to gain strength and flexibility through yoga (this is a 1 day a week, 8 week commitment)

Hatha Yoga begins at 6pm on July 28 – a perfect way to end your day. This is a beginning yoga class (this is 1 day a week, 8 week commitment)

Power Yoga begins at 8am on July 24 – this is an intense class that will give the advanced yoga student a great workout (this is a 1 day a week, 8 week commitment)

Silver Foxes Weight Lifting begins at 9:30am on July 6 – for all Senior citizens that need to work on muscle strength and endurance (this is a 2 day a week, 4 week commitment)

Early Bird Workout begins at 6am on July 5 – this is for the person that wants to get their workout done first thing in the morning (this is a 3 day a week, 1 month commitment)

Sunrise Walking Club begins at 6am on July 6 – this group of avid walkers will meet at the recreation center and go on a 1 hr. fitness walk together (this is a 2 day a week, 1 month commitment)

Weekend Warrior Saturdays begins at 7:30am on July 10 – Catch an early weekend work out that will challenge each fitness component of every participant (this is a 1 day a week, 4 week commitment)

August

Silver Foxes Weight Lifting begins at 9:30am on August 3 – for all Senior citizens that need to work on muscle strength and endurance (this is a 2 day a week, 4 week commitment)

Early Bird Workout begins at 6am on August 2 – this is for the person that wants to get their workout done first thing in the morning (this is a 3 day a week, 1 month commitment)

Sunrise Walking Club begins at 6am on August 3 – this group of avid walkers will meet at the recreation center and go on a 1 hr. fitness walk together (this is a 2 day a week, 1 month commitment)

Weekend Warrior Saturdays begins at 7:30am on August 7 – Catch an early weekend work out that will challenge each fitness component of every participant (this is a 1 day a week, 4 week commitment)

Junior Weight Training begins at 6:30pm on August 4 – for all of our middle school and high school students that want to know how to weight lift correctly and get results (this is a 2 day a week, 1 month commitment)

AQUATICS:

The Outdoor Pool on Skeel St. opens Saturday June 5 and we are offering seasonal pool passes.

Family night swim will be on Wednesday from 5-7pm at the Skeel St. pool. Only families are allowed entrance.

Doggie Paddle Day at the Pool will be Sunday August 15 from 12pm-4pm.

YOUTH/TEEN:

Alien Adventure Camp for youth 6-12 years old Aug 2-6. Spend a week learning about worlds in our solar system where scientists believe alien life might exist. Participants go on a virtual space mission, take an interstellar ride to a distant planet, make space slime, launch a Galactic Glider and more. Presented by SpaceTime. Offered as full day (\$175) or half day (\$130) options.

Rockit Robots Camp for youth 7-12 years old, July 12-16. Participants learn about circuits, gears and drive systems while assembling different robots and investigating the future effects robots will have on our lives. Kids even build a robot to take home. Presented by Sciensational. Half day \$130.

Cheerleading/Dance starts its second session July 24-August 28 for youth 3-7 years old. A fun introduction to basic dance fundamentals and cheerleading moves for dance routines with poms, cheers and chants.



July

August

C
i
t
y
M
e
e
t
i
n
g
s

- 4 4th of July Celebration, 6 p.m., Friendship Park
- 5 City Admin. Offices closed
- 6 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
- 7 Brighton Urban Renewal Authority, 4:30 p.m., City Hall
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, 5:30 p.m.,
Brighton Recreation Center
- 8 Youth Service Center Advisory Committee,
4:30 p.m., City Hall
Housing Authority, 5:30 p.m., City Hall
- 13 City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., City Hall
Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall
- 20 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
- 21 Brighton Urban Renewal Authority Study Session,
4:30 p.m., City Hall
- 22 Youth Service Center Advisory Committee, 4:30 p.m.,
City Hall
- 27 Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall

- 3 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
- 4 Brighton Urban Renewal Authority, 4:30 p.m., City Hall
- 10 City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., City Hall
Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall
- 12 Youth Service Center Advisory Committee,
4:30 p.m., City Hall
Housing Authority, 5:30 p.m., City Hall
Historic Preservation, 6 p.m., City Hall
- 14 Market Day, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Cultural Center
- 17 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
- 18 Brighton Urban Renewal Authority Study Session,
4:30 p.m., City Hall
- 24 Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall
- 26 Youth Service Center Advisory Committee,
4:30 p.m., City Hall

Senior Corner



Community Responds to Help for Homes

Saturday, May 8, was a busy day throughout Brighton. Thanks to the funding from the Brighton Legacy Foundation, 22 homes were painted, repaired, yards were cleaned and a good time was had by all! Help for Homes is simple – it is volunteers helping elderly and disabled homeowners paint and perform minor outside home repairs. Since its inception, 114 Brighton homeowners have been helped. Brothers Redevelopment, Inc and the Brighton Senior Center coordinate the efforts but it takes many to make the program a success.

Thanks to the following teams and volunteer groups: Higher Point Christ Fellowship, City of Brighton, Early Morning Rotary/Local Color, 1st Presbyterian, Greater Brighton Neighborhood Volunteers, Greater Brighton Fire & Protection District, Elaine's Prayer Team from Northern Hills, Elias Huerta Family & Friends, S.E.H. Engineering, Stone River Lending, Brighton United Methodist Church, 5 Talents Investing, Pace Makers, Southeast Elementary, Space Lifts, Knights of Columbus, Henderson Church, Community of Christ, Bridge Church, Church of the Latter Day Saints, Seventh Day Adventists, Brighton Senior Center volunteers, Brighton Police Explorers and individuals who volunteered to help.

Art at the Armory: Aug. 23 – Sept. 19

A special art exhibit at The Armory at Brighton Cultural Center will feature the work of older adults from the Brighton community. All art work must be appropriately framed and meet regulations as outlined on the entry form. Artists interested in showing their work are encouraged to call Sue or Donna at 303-655-2075 for entry information. The community is invited to the Artists Reception on Friday, Aug. 27 from 6-8 p.m.